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(1) European Patent No. 0 997 261 entitled LASER BONDING OF PLASTIC WORKPIECES COMPRISES USING..., By Chen, published May 3, 2000. This patent is in German however an English abstract is not attached.

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